Minutes of the Graduate Board

**Wednesday, March 14, 2018**

Executive Conference Room, 4th Floor
Student Faculty Center
Health Sciences Center Campus
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

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**Members Present:**
Deborah Drabick, Mark Franko, Jeffrey Godel, Sally Harrison, Barbara Hoffman, Dustin Kidd, Jagannathan Krishnan, Joseph Picone, Edward Sobel

**Ex-Officio Member:**
Zebulon Kendrick, Vice Provost, Graduate Education

**Graduate School Staff:**
Tangia Boyd, Assistant Director of Business and Financial Operations
Kathryn Petrich, Director of Graduate Communications
Margaret Pippet, Assistant Dean
Michael Toner, Director of Student Services: Graduate Enrollment and Data Management

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**Approval of the Minutes:**
Edward Sobel motioned to approve the minutes of February 15, 2018. Joseph Picone seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously passed.

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**Business:**
The Vice Provost began with a review of graduate admissions reports as of March 12, 2018. From Summer 2017 to Summer 2018, applications and admission offers are down for master’s degree students, with 20% fewer students paying their deposit. At the doctoral level, applications were also down, but admissions were up, with deposits increasing by 14%. The results are similar between Fall 2017 and Fall 2018: master’s applications and admissions are down, with deposits down by 22%, while doctoral applications are down, but admissions are up and deposits are up by 15%.

The Vice Provost moved on to fellowships. Currently, 51 doctoral programs enroll 1,413 students, while 12 M.F.A. programs enroll 146 students. For Fall 2018, 221 nominations resulted in 112 fellowship offers, including 41 Presidential, 55 University, and 16 Future Faculty Fellow. GPAs for nominees are greater than 3.63 undergraduate and 3.77 graduate. GRE scores are in the 91st percentile (verbal) for Arts and Humanities nominees and 84th percentile (quantitative) for the Sciences, STEM, and Psychology nominees. GMAT scores are in the 94th percentile for nominees, while TOEFL scores are greater than 103.

The next topic was doctoral dissertation and M.F.A. project completion grant awards. Nominations are due on Friday, March 23. Reviewers can score the nominations between March 28 and April 4. The committee will then meet on April 6 to determine the awardees. Discussion turned to scoring. It was determined that the nominations should be scored between 1 and 5, with scores distributed evenly along that continuum. It was suggested that a column be added to the scoring spreadsheet to compare the new forced scoring with the previous scoring method.
With no old business, attention turned to new business. First, the Graduate School is once again responsible for providing the President and Provost with weekly admissions updates. These had been discontinued at the end of the previous administration. At present, 449 master’s applications for Fall 2018 are incomplete for students of color and, thus, no decision can be rendered. While total applications are down, the number of completed applications is up overall.

Second, rumors have been circulating that Temple and Pitt may lose funding as state institutions. One proposed response is to establish articulation agreements with state schools:

- Students who earn a specific GPA would be accepted to Temple for a master’s program if their undergraduate institution did not offer said master’s program.
- If a master’s program is offered at the state school, Temple would accept credits from the other institution as advanced standing.

Temple has already established an articulation agreement with Eastern University, a private institution in the suburb of St. Davids, for Forensic Chemistry.

**Adjournment:**
The meeting adjourned @ 3:20 p.m.

The next Graduate Board meeting will be held on Main Campus, 3B Conwell Hall, on Thursday, April 19, 2018, @ 2:30 p.m.